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Privacy Issues Touch Us All

FBA members may recall one resident's complaint at the September FBA meeting about her name being on the Safeway cash register receipts. The new system allows the checkers to call customers by name, promoting a friendly feeling, but she resented it.

She felt that it is an invasion of her privacy, an increasing problem for all citizens in this electronic, computer-based world. Income information, number and value of possessions, physical and medical conditions—all grist for the modern computer-age, need-to-know everything-about-you mill.

The speaker at the November meeting, Marc Rotenberg, lives with privacy issues every day. He is Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a public interest research organization. He frequently testifies before Congress on issues involving new technology and privacy, and has recently written a book on the subject. Rotenberg lives in D.C., teaches privacy law at the Georgetown Law Center and the Washington College of Law. He will discuss his new book, "Technology and Privacy: The New Landscape" (MIT Press 1997), and will touch on both broad policy issues (e.g., national and international law), and the practicalities of protecting personal privacy.

Join us at the Foggy Bottom Association meeting, Monday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all residents, and will take place at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Marc Rotenberg

Electronic Privacy
Information Center

Monday, November 23, 1998

Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting, Monday, January 25, 1999)



*We Wish You the
Happiest of Holidays*

*The early publication
of this issue, before
Thanksgiving, has pre-
cluded the usual listing of
many holiday events,
especially those in the
churches in Foggy Bottom*

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the churches nearby along
with their phone numbers
for your information.*

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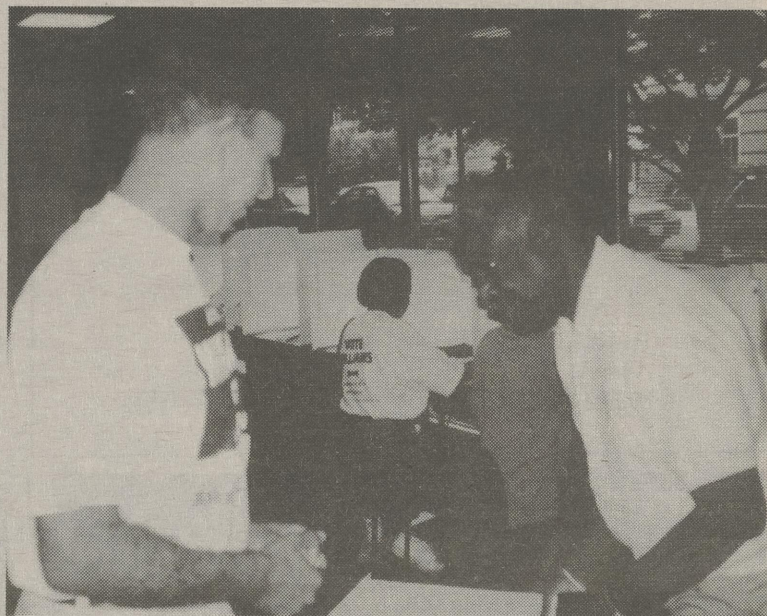
*See you in the New
Year!*

Foggy Bottom/West End Goes 57% for Williams Some ANC Votes Close and May be Contested

Voters in the three Foggy Bottom/West End precincts cast 1089 votes (57%) for Mayor-Elect and Foggy Bottom resident Anthony "Tony" Williams. Carole Schwartz scored 816 votes, or 42%. All other candidates had supporters as well: John Gloster 9; Brian Moore 9; Alpha Brown 2; Albert Ceccone 8; Sam Manuel 5; Faith 5; and there were 3 write-ins.

These figures are taken from the Unofficial Election Night Results; not included are late (after October 30) mail ballots.

Precinct 2, voting at United Church, cast 247 votes for Williams and 149 for Schwartz. In Precinct 3 (St. Mary's Court) Williams received 505 and Schwartz 405. At West



Mayor-Elect Williams with Wilbert Woods at the ballot box. Diane Williams votes in the background.

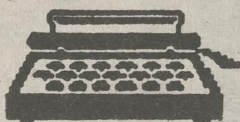
End Library the votes were 337 for Williams and 262 for Schwartz. Linda Cropp, running for City Council Chair, garnered 1530 votes versus 192 for her opponents. Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton also won handily against her four official opponents.

In the at-large Council races, Democrat Phil Mendelson won 1027 votes and Republican David Catania 1068. Beverly Wilbourne received 379, and Hilda Mason 190.

Artisst and Byrd to School Board

The race for the at-large seat on the School Board was won by Robert Artisst, but Foggy Bottom and West End voted instead for Gail Dixon with 307, Gerry Counihan

(Vote, to page 5)



In the Mail

Not a Party Building

I read with dismay and alarm the part of Rick Hendriksen's letter, "A Member's Farewell," in your November 1998 column that referenced The Carriage House, my home for the past 31 years. I can assure your readers that ours IS NOT a party building.

If Mr. Hendriksen was disturbed as he says by "outrageous parties in my building" he had a course of action open to him. The first step would be to notify our Secretarial Desk that a noisy party was in progress. The desk clerk on duty would request the offending resident(s) to quiet themselves and their guests. If that step did not do the trick (it usually does) and the noise continued, upon further notification, the desk clerk would have summoned

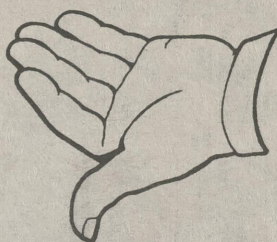
the police. They are very successful in restoring peace and quiet.

In addition, Mr. Hendriksen should have documented any complaint in writing to The Carriage House Site Manager who would have issued a warning to both any tenant and the owner of the unit in which the noise occurred. If there were a subsequent violation of our By-laws and Rules and Regulations, which are very specific regarding noise abatement and consideration of one's neighbors, the owner would then be subject to substantial fines.

Mr. Hendriksen sounds like a very responsible citizen and we are very sorry to lose him as a resident of The Carriage House and as a member of the Foggy Bottom/West End community.

I trust that you will print my letter to help restore the reputation of The Carriage House tarnished somewhat by Mr. Hendriksen's letter.

Robert M. Gunther
Chairman,
Covenants Committee
The Carriage House
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Can You Lend a Hand?

The FBA is seeking help with several projects, and will welcome hearing from any interested residents.

The first is part of the 40th anniversary commemoration, and involves the transcribing of interviews done with persons of note in Foggy Bottom. The interviews were taped by Gelman Library volunteers in connection with the Library's FB history exhibit. More interviews are planned to add to our knowledge of the association's beginnings and the long-term history of Foggy Bottom, the old West End, and the new West End. Budget considerations did not allow for the costs of professional transcribing and typewritten transcripts would make a special contribution indeed. Call Olga Corey, 337-3196. She can tell you about other 40th anniversary projects to come which will need volunteers.

The second is the completion of a project started at the West End Library some years ago: the indexing of the *Foggy Bottom News*. It was started by Bill DeCosta, formerly of the library staff, and he was able to index a good number of issues prior to his transfer to another branch. Subject categories have been determined; what remains is to follow up on his good start. Call Ellie Becker 337-5528.

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GWU Students Hold Annual FB Cleanup

On Saturday, November 7, 165 GWU students turned out at 9:30 a.m. to launch the Student Association's annual Foggy Bottom cleanup. Teams spread out to seven major locations, collecting trash as they went, and ended up with over 200 large bags of material. The weather was on the chilly side, perhaps prompting a speedy campaign. GW's **Jane Lingo**, trying to capture the project on film, had to hurry around to catch the activity. **Jeff Marootian**, the Student Association's Vice President

for Community Affairs, and his assistant, **Alice Choe**, did the recruiting and assigning, with help from other interested students.

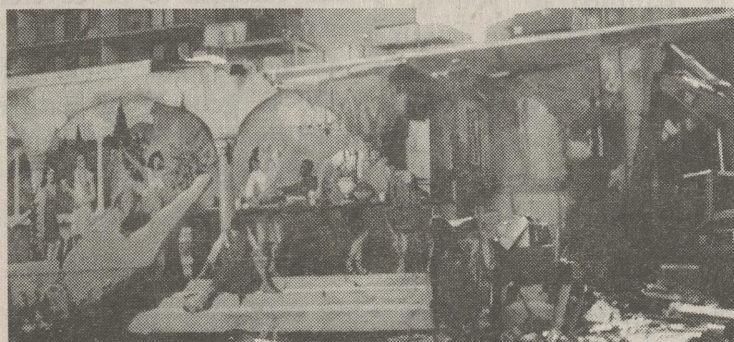
Photos by John Graves.

SA Repeats "Adopt a Child" Christmas Program

The Student Association, again this year, is "adopting" families in the Shaw area, collecting gifts and necessities on their want and need lists. Last year several FB residents purchased items needed (high chairs, clothing, toys, etc.), and added them to the students' collection. Interested? Call **Cindy Morris** at 463-0920.



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Year-End Tax Tips

Joseph O'Donnell, CFA

The usual ways to minimize taxes still apply for the typical taxpayer: defer income, accelerate deductions, and maximize retirement plan contributions. For the first time in many years, however, 1998 may be the year for many investors to take tax losses on their stocks or mutual funds.

Here are the basic rules: you can use losses to offset capital gains, and up to \$3,000 in excess losses can be deducted against ordinary income (with any balance carried forward to future years.) Be sure to comply with "wash sale" rules. If you sell securities at a loss and purchase the same securities within 30 days before or after the sale, your loss will be disallowed.

The Internal Revenue Code says that you may not avoid these rules by buying "substantially identical" securities. While this term is not defined, I would avoid substituting one S&P 500 index fund for another, for example. If you want to take a tax loss and remain invested, simply choose a mutual fund with similar objectives, or purchase shares of a different company in the same industry.

Most mutual funds have fiscal years ending on October 31. They declare dividends during the following two months and pay them in January. If you

own a fund that's down for the year, you *may still receive taxable distributions*. That's because mutual funds are "pass-through entities." When a fund sells a stock for a profit, it passes your share of the gain on to you (assuming it has not taken offsetting losses.)

Avoid buying a mutual fund just before its ex-dividend date. Otherwise, part of your investment will be returned to you in a month or two as taxable income. If you have a profit in a fund you've owned for more than a year, sell it before the ex-dividend date. That way you'll pay a capital gains tax of no more than 20% and will avoid the distribution that includes income taxable at your

higher regular tax rate.

Another way to save on taxes is to convert a regular IRA to a Roth IRA this year to spread the taxes over four years. *This must be done in 1998* if you want to defer taxes. In the future, all taxable income on such a conversion will have to be reported in the year you make the switch. Whether you should convert to a Roth IRA at all is a subject too complex to be covered in this space.

As always, the above advice is general in nature and may not be appropriate for a given individual.

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There is exciting news from Angie Martin of Potomac Plaza Hair Designs, as three new make-you-pretty people join her at the shop. In addition to being able to offer new services, the salon becomes almost an international spa. Angie herself came from Greece some 30 years ago, and took over the shop about 11 years ago. Coming from Honduras, also about 30 years ago, is Ella Straubel; the Spanish representative is Petra de Lucas, and Linda Crami hails from Albania. Almost a United Nations right there on the Potomac Plaza cooperative building's ground floor arcade.

Several additional services will be supplied by Angie's new colleagues. Ella Straubel is a hairstylist, and also specializes in skin care (facials, waxes,

aromatherapy massage and makeup for any occasion). Linda Grami is the manicurist and pedicurist, and Petra de Lucas is a hairstylist as well. (Seems possible the shop will offer some introductory specials. Call 338-3949.) Remember, that Angie features early morning—very early—appointments daily.

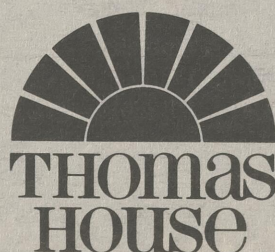
Greg Scoma, who is the unofficial Commissioner-elect for SMD 2A06, campaigned on crutches but had an extra special cheering section, namely his mother. She visited him for the campaign wrap-up and his by-a-whisker win. She hails from Buffalo and kept busy sightseeing and doing typical "mother stuff"—the latter against Greg's wishes.

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News from 2D

Party Too Noisy? Call 727-1010!

The officers of the Second District should be called if neighbors are causing disturbances. D.C. law is clear: "It is the declared public policy of the District that every person is entitled to ambient noise levels that are not detrimental to life, health, and enjoyment of his or her property." One section of the law, D.C. Act 11-297, prohibits "noise disturbance by the operation, use, or playing of any musical instrument or device, loud speaker, or other similar device...on private property or public space."

Section 13 of the act states: "Any person aggrieved by a violation of any provision of this act may complain to the Metropolitan Police Department which shall enforce the provisions of this Act." It further states that an MPD officer may give a verbal warning and allow a reasonable time to cease violating the act. Further, it allows "a fine not to exceed \$300 or imprisonment not to exceed 10 days, or both."

Lt. Robert Atcheson, who currently commands PSA 207, said that his officers usually get the desired result by "a verbal warning." However, if the officers must return to stop the noise disturbance, or if they are shown excessive disrespect, the offenders can

and may be arrested.

Lt. Patrick Burke, whose area of responsibility includes Burleith and upper Georgetown, maintains a stricter policy, especially at the beginning of a school year. His officers often assess fines, and they also report student infractions to Georgetown University. Georgetown University co-operates by calling in the students and assigning them community service "penalties." The University, in cooperation with the local citizens' association, has provided signs which identify residential areas where quiet is to be maintained. The signs warn that "Loud noise and disorderly behavior" are prohibited and will be prosecuted. He says that the word quickly gets around and helps in the neighborhood which consists of small townhouses with about 50% occupancy by students.

In both PSA 207 and 208, usually two officers and cars are on duty, even on the midnight shift. They are there to be available to residents; do not fail to take full advantage of them.

Crime Summary for PSAs 207 and 208

During October, PSA 207 experienced 2 robberies, 1 assault, 3 burglaries, 13 thefts, 45 thefts from auto, and 10 stolen autos, for a total of 81 offenses, up from 69 in September. Theft from auto increased from 30 to 45, and stolen autos from 3 to 10.

In PSA 208 (east of 22nd Street), there were 5 robberies, 1 assault, 7

burglaries, 38 thefts, 27 thefts from auto, and 4 stolen autos, for a total of 103, up from 93 in September. There was a decline in thefts from September, but thefts from auto increased from 21 in September to 27 in October.

Residents wishing the details of the dates and locations of these reported crimes can examine reports

at the FBA meetings.

And don't fail to call if you experience a crime or attempted crime, or see or hear anything out of the ordinary. There was an attempted robbery on one of our streets this past month; the police did not hear about it until the next day! How can the police be expected to respond successfully a day later?

(Vote, from page 1)

with 233, Mary E. Cox with 225; 143 went to winner Artiss. Westy Byrd won the Ward 2 School Board seat handily, with 6041 votes in the ward and 814 in Foggy Bottom/West End. Precinct 2 gave her 90 votes, in 3 she received 458, and in 4 the total was 266.

Miller, Price, Tyler Re-elected; Sheehy and Spillinger Newcomers

ANC Chair Dorothy Miller and Commissioners Richard Price and Maria Tyler were re-elected to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A. Tyler was unopposed; Price gained 200 votes (67.3%) over Mark Schaefer's 104 votes (31.8%). Richard Sheehy received 115 votes (62.8%) over Susana Baranano's 64 (35%) for the seat vacated by Jean Swift. Succeeding Bernard Mozer will be Barbara Spillinger who received 336 votes (75.8%) over GWU student Alan Scott Elias with 98 votes (22.1%).

Two SMD Elections Close

Dorothy Miller received 151 votes for 58.5%, and Edward F. Meinert, Jr., also a GWU student, gained 106 votes for 41.1%. Meinert has raised questions about the election, alleging that some voters in that Single Member District were given the wrong ballots. Meinert has asked the Board of Elections to examine the ballots to check for errors.

In Single Member District 2A06, Greg Scoma received 34 votes, current commissioner Sara Maddux 33, and GWU student Steven Mandelbaum, was a write-in candidate. A total of 29 write-in votes were cast.

The percentage of registered voters who turned out in the entire city was 38.9%; in Ward 2 it was 37%. Precinct 2 turned out 31.7%, Precinct 3 had 45%, and Precinct 4 had a 40% turnout; the total for all three was 40.29%, well above the city and ward totals. (Most would still say it was much too low, considering that there was more than one interesting race.)

West End Library Friends Meet

The West End Library Friends reported a successful year at its annual meeting on October 24. The Friends spent \$4,094 on the branch this year, mostly for books and periodicals. The money came from members' dues and donations, the book sale and income from an earlier bequest.

The officers were re-elected for another term: Robert C. Brewster, President; Mary Lou Hennessy, Vice President; Lucille G. Duprat; Treasurer; and Grace E. Watson, Secretary.

The Friends are now having a membership drive. Dues are \$10 for the October 1, 1998-September 30, 1999 membership year. There is a membership form elsewhere on this page. Membership forms and checks should be sent to Ms. Lucille G. Duprat, West End Library Friends, c/o West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Remember, the Good Book says, "Blessed is he that readeth."

The West End Library has started collecting books anew for its next book sale. The books remaining from earlier sales have been donated and so "the cupboard is bare." Books should be left underneath the large table on the left inside the library. One request: no law books or old textbooks-they don't sell.

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Current Voters Guide A Winner!

Residents who thoroughly perused the Voters Guide published by *The Georgetown/Northwest Current* had to be the best informed people who entered voting booths on November 3. The 20-page supplement was included in the October 28 issue of the regional paper, and covered the citywide and Wards 2 & 3 elections "like a glove."

Biographical information was included, as well as coverage of the candidates' platforms. Of special interest, too, was a series of questions posed to the mayoral, council and school board candidates, pinning them down on important issues. The ANC candidate section covered those races thoroughly as well.

Managing Editor Chris Kain, well known to many FB/WE residents, said that "it was a major project, and we made a few mistakes," but generally he was satisfied with the outcome. We think it was a job well done!

Ellie Becker

The Latest at the Arts Club

by Kate McLeod

Currently on exhibit at the Arts Club of Washington are works of one of D.C.'s best-known artists, Willem de Looper. De Looper's paintings are in the collections of the National Gallery of Art, the Phillips Collection, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and the National Museum of American Art. A long-time D.C. resident, de Looper was born in Amsterdam and received his formal art training at American University.

Also on display are Mark

Charett's selenium-toned gelatin silver prints. The artist says that his "Virginia Random" black-and-white photographs from the Old Dominion were inspired by travels over the back roads of Appalachian Virginia to photograph candidates for the Virginia General Assembly.

Both exhibits continue until December 22. The Arts Club is at 2017 I Street, and the galleries are open Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and Sunday from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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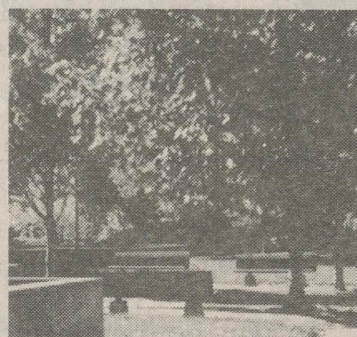
The Local Kaleidoscope

by John Graves

St. Mary's Court had a whale of a Halloween party with all sorts of costumes and treats for the kiddies. The colorful disguises made it difficult to select a photo for the occasion. But the best part of the evening was the music. It was great from the 40's to the 90's and really "toe-tapping" selections with just the right volume—not the usual deafening din one tolerates today. The musical assembly, "2-4-U," is a family trio—husband, wife and young son—from nearby rural Maryland. If a fuse ever blew there would be no music because it is all electronically produced, except for their vocals. Nevertheless, it is beautifully done, even the "oldies," Latin, Jitterbug, big band, the works, and the crowd remained till the last tune, while they cheered for an encore. It is hoped that St. Mary's has the wisdom to make this "2-4-U" their "house" band—good rates, too.

Power of the Press

You recall the stories about the weeds in certain areas around our community? Well, this photo reveals corrective action and

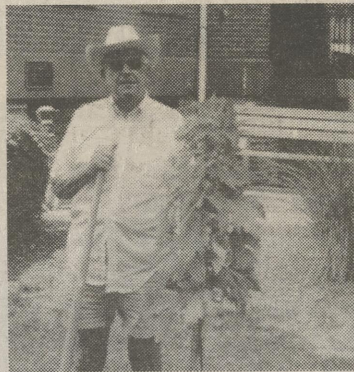


Photos by John Graves.

what a difference! The area across from the American Red Cross on E Street and the esplanade on New Hampshire in front of the Saudi Embassy and the Watergate are much improved. We are searching for the identify of the good neighbors—we will reveal them. You will note the improvement on 25th Street which curves in front of the Saudi Embassy (they call it the back). Anyway, they have groomed that area along 25th by the freeway wall. Incidentally, it is difficult to recognize that curved street as 25th when we knew it years ago as straight. The Saudi Embassy front is on New Hampshire, but it is so easy to look at the east entrance as the main one, but it's their house. Or is it the Chancery? Work in the Chancery; live in the Embassy I was told in my party days.

This is a Story About Vandalism

You may recall the story



Little sugar maple tree and grower John Graves before pranksters (vandals) destroyed it.

about the little sugar maple tree which we grew from a seed and traded it to GWU for a big tree which now grows in front of St. Mary's Court. GW planted that little tree in the 2000 block of G Street in front of the vacant lot just east of the SAE House. Well, it was found in the dumpster behind the DTD House. Is that some sort of a prank?

Next, how about this? This little wooden table structure was nailed to a tree in front of St. Mary's Court with an ear of corn on the top of the table. The little squirrels would sit at the table and eat from the ear of



Furry friend and corn cob on feeding platform.

corn. Someone ripped off the corn and the table top. It was rebuilt. Soon thereafter the entire feeder was torn from the tree and destroyed. This was no prank. We suspect that some highly spirited vandals visit our area for breakfast every morning! More on these "visitors" in another story.

In any event, both the tree and feeder were someone's property and their destruction is criminal.

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The Becker Beat



GWU: Square 43 Cries for Attention—Again!

Shown below are views of property owned by George Washington University in Square 43, bounded by G Street, 23rd Street, Virginia Avenue, and 24th Street. The small houses on Virginia Avenue have long been the scene of overflowing trash cans and litter, on trash days and non-trash days. Somewhat newer, however, is the rubble on the north side of the square, an empty lot where once some residential buildings stood. When the university acquired them some months ago, the buildings were torn down and it became a dumping ground for excavated dirt sanctioned by a D.C. "building" permit. The permit allows the university to use the lot to dump dirt from other ongoing university building projects. Assuredly, however, all sides of the square cry for repair and beauti-



Next Subject: Caspar the Trash Ghost & Other Recycling Woes

This column allows me to vent occasionally, and vent I must about an anonymous note left for me in late October. It was attached with duct tape to a stack of recyclables which D.C. and Waste Management (WM) neglected to pick up the first week of recycling. There is a long story about why they were there, which I will spare you readers—including, of course, calls to the recycling number and to WM, all unsuccessful.

But there appeared a large

sign attached to my stack, admonishing me for distressing my neighbors by not obeying the regulations. What ticked me off the most was that it was unsigned, leaving no clue as to someone I could explain to, I have made similar requests in the neighborhood, especially at houses occupied by those who time and time again ignored appropriate trash practices. But I always signed my name and usually left a pamphlet from DPW so they would have the "official" word.

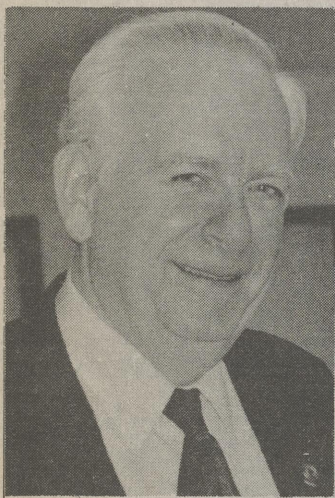
And most ironic: this ghost's sign was attached to a small bundle of the October *FBNews* showing the article which appeared on recycling! I do read this newspaper, believe it or not!

When the truck did not traverse our alley the second Friday, I tried DPW again, without success. I then tried the office of the Chief Management Officer and the phone answerer, Kevin, said he would try to make sure the alley was not neglected in the future. Just having a pleasant person sound helpful, after endless recorded DPW messages and unhelpful WM folks, was an unexpected treat.

I called the recycling office again on Monday morning during what I had heard were their office hours; and got the after-working-hours voice mail. Take that tip—call after hours; at least you can leave a message, whether or not anyone hears it.

Lo and behold, on Monday a small WM truck came and picked up the lot. As I write on the third Thursday, I have to wonder if any message reached the real Friday pickup crew to include our alley. (Hooray, the third time was a charm, and they appeared!)

But I have to disagree with my friend John Graves on the subject of the CMO. It really seems to me that an essential part of the launch of a major program should include staffing the office for the calls that assuredly will come in during its initial stages. Either that good management technique was omitted, or the entire population of the city was calling that day. (A goodly number was likely, but surely not the whole city.)



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Halloween Has Gone to the Dogs

by Claire Ciftci

On Saturday, October 29, Foggy Bottom's canine elite entertained magnificently at the Georgetown Senior Residence. Dressed in fashionable costumes of unique design, the happy guests pranced, preened and delighted the residents for nearly two hours.

Wee Willie, the Court Jester, performed her tricks without error which won first prize. Our own "Pavlova," Mishka Gaskins, sashayed provocatively in her shimmering ballerina costume, capturing the prize for most beautifully attired.

From the well-represented Westbridge came Henry, sporting an official Redskins sweater outfit. (An elderly resident who rarely speaks commented profusely about the Redskins.) His housemate, the dainty Daisy, graceful and imposing, wore her red halter with matching bows and sat regally next to her owner. Their neighbor, the lovely apricot poodle, was everyone's picture of "Princess" Abbey. Gorgeous

Charlie convinced everyone that devils aren't so bad after all. His outstanding red costume couldn't disguise this good-looking Charles spaniel.

Also from north of Pennsylvania Avenue were the Whitfield Place trio: Lucky Lacey and Peanut were happily chaperoned by their owner's grandchildren. The two cockapoos and tiny Chihuahua mix captured the heart of the activities director.

Little Louie, as the bouncing pumpkin, cheered



the residents with his happy antics, so much so that even recently a resident who was feeling blue thought a visit from the little pumpkin would make her laugh. And handsome, swashbuckling Frasier turned every female's glance toward the elegant, high-stepping pirate as he swept around the room. Not so elegant, but making his own mark, busy Nikki made rounds in his nurse-angel



uniform, indifferent to his cap tilting askew.

Halsey, the K Street dachshund, sported his favorite team's shirt. Quiet gentleman that he is, he walked calmly with his masters and sniffed curiously at the other tail-waggers. Of course, our 19-year-old matriarch, Shadow, chose not to demean herself by wearing a costume. She was obligated to investigate every corner of the game room, hoping some morsel had fallen from the Dean & DeLuca party platter.

Many of the elders oohed and aahed as the beautiful Roxie, a miniature collie, marched around the premises, alert to anyone who spoke to her.

The Georgetown staff offered champagne to the guests and extended an invitation to return again with the well-mannered animals.



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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, November 23: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Marc Rotenberg of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Through Tuesday, December 1: "Watery Beauties: Discovering Ocean Life," a collection of color photos of marine organisms. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

Wednesday, December 2: Community Wellness Lecture, "Lighten Up; Recognizing and Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder," with Julia Frank, M.D. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 23rd and I Streets, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2: The Last Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Richard Tollo, GWU Department of Geology. Series allows speakers to address the question, what would you say if you knew this were your last lecture? Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 4: Winter Concert and Messiah Sing-Along, by GWU University Singers. For tickets and information, call 994-6245. Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 6: "Crackers, Cones and Pomander Balls" is a program of preparing for Christmas the Victorian way, making Christmas crackers, pomander balls and fancy lace cones filled with candy. Material provided; reservations required (879-3241); \$5 DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9: Community Meeting for Police Service Area 208, State Plaza Hotel, 2114 F Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13: Performance of the Messiah, by G.F. Handel, by the Sanctuary Choir and guests, along with soloists from The Washington Opera, and the University of Maryland Opera Studio. 785-0982. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20: Christmas Concert, Washington Sangerbund, directed by Matthias Dickhut. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 331-1495. Free; offering requested. 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 30: Community Meeting for Police Service Area 207, St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10: Recital of opera arias and duets, and seasonal works, by Armour Ratcliffe, soprano, and David Prager, bass. 785-0982. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Tom Sherwood as speaker. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

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